

Brooklyn June 16th 1832.

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Dear Brother Phelps,

I am grateful for your punctuality in answering my last letter. I will not however fill this sheet with apologies the ~~this~~^{letter} has been so long forth coming. Suffice it to say, duties so press, & time flies so rapidly, & only now & then get a glance at how much has fled, & find how dilatory I have been in some of my duties to correspondents. It is now Saturday. My preparation for + Sab. is made; if it were not I think it wd remain unmade. The heat is peculiarly oppressive. What inspiring weather for sermonizing! It is enough to make a man puff even to talk & laugh with a friend to day; & much more, to consume by pen ink & manual manual labor. If + heat of summer is to be on + other extreme with + cold of spring, how blessed you must be, in that you have no pastoral charge at present, & can supply + desk or preach as a candidate without + labor & sweating requisite to manufacture 2 ^{weekly} sermons. Giant minds even, in days like this, can by intellectual effort produce nothing but Lilliputian offspring.

I regretted to hear that you had left

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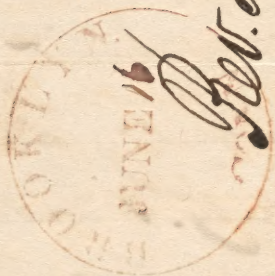
your interesting charge at Hespington. However & Lord Ea
reigns. How do you succeed in the city of Norwich. Have you & me
Dr Beecher got most of the mass of Unitarianism up yet. My
Do the city folks receive cordially & immediately your full &
blooded Taylorism? or do they wish to "Leave you again on this
this matter." I presume you have not "turned the city up ear
side down with your doctrine". What are your future sym
plans? I wd have urged you to come into this Co.: but Gloucester
only 2 Soci: now remain unsupplied, & those are not dis
very inviting fields to you; rather retired, & the salary diff
not large. There is not a Co- in the State, so thoroughly sin
sated with N. Haven theology as this. There are but 2 or 3
3 ministers in the Co., not on the moral agency scheme. well
Bushman, a keen fellow from N. Haven, whom you probably do
recollect, is to be ordained soon in N. Willingby, 10 this
miles N.E. from me, on the road to Boston.

As to my own affairs; my meeting house is hastening towards Co
its completion. To be dedicated in Sept. or Oct. Socy & be
congrega- prosperous. Village flourishing; it is de. & v
lightful this summer; several good men have been
into town lately, more are coming on long. 20 or
The academy here is the most flourishing ^{we} - & the

Eastern part of T. State. It has nearly 70 scholars -
and nearly half ladies, most of them from abroad.
My health has not been very good since I left + semi-
full. I did violence to my left side, just before going to
in an Athol. That side has been more painful than ever +
up last spring. I fear that my lungs are beginning to
show symptoms somewhat with my probable liver complaint.
but ^{now} nothing is alarming on this subject at present.
not Dickinson of Norwich is almost prostrated again with +
dyspepsia. He has had + Cholera almost to Blackwater,
by since his ordination. I understand however he is now
or somewhat better. I intend to go & see him next
week. He gen^l Glover of this State (Mead) ⁱⁿ
Norwich next week. Larned is at home in Thompson
this summer, attempting to recruit from + dyspep-
sia, & is improving. He will probably address our Con-
ference at Colerain on 4th of July. I was appointed, but
because of other duties, pain in my side, & his being in
de. + vicinity this summer, I excused myself, & got
him appointed. Wm S. Carter is in Dudley Academy
20 miles north of me where ^{Francis} ~~Lawton~~ is settled. Lawton has
taken his place in Brewster. As to my vows of celibacy

Perhaps I shall recant by & by, if my health is good. I accept & re-
 gulation you & your House gave me in your last letter
 this July 5. I ^{have} become acquainted with several chambers lately;
 among them, some precious descendants of President Edwards, of 4th gen-
 eration, but true bloods, without much degeneracy. Think you
 not they must be prized, even without any solid chambers. I am
 yet signing & long of freedom, without any of "clanking of chains". But
 how soon I may become a willing captive for life, I know not.
 What you "know not now" on this July 5, you & your dear Hous
may know hereafter, especially if you wait long enough.
 Write me soon. Give me your late history; my love to Mrs P. Mrs. G. F. Willard.

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